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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, 1,400,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

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HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance. For Fixed Deposits:— For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum. " 6 " 4 per cent. " " " 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, August 18, 1870.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30th APRIL, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP, 23,200,000. RESERVE FUND, 2800,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, RUE BERGÈRE, PARIS.

AGENCIES AND BRANCHES at:

LONDON, BOURBON, SAN FRANCISCO, MARSEILLES, BOMBAY, HONGKONG, LYONS, CALCUTTA, HANKOW, NANTES, SHANGHAI, FOOCHEW.

LONDON BANKERS:

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

E. G. VOULLEMONT, Manager, Shanghai.

Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 21,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3% per Annum.

" 6 " " 4% " "

" 12 " " 5% " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT, Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

Banks.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, 2800 000. RESERVE FUND, 150,000.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

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THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

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For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. " "

" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

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(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

THE following Rates of Interest are allowed on FIXED DEPOSITS:—

For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. " "

" 3 " 2 per cent. " "

H. H. NELSON, Manager.

Hongkong, May 31, 1879.

NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Registered in London under the Companies' Act of 1862, on 23rd March, 1866.

Established in Calcutta 29th September, 1863.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, 2933,000.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 2465,250.

RESERVE FUND, 220,000.

HEAD OFFICE—39A, THE NEEDLE STREET, LONDON, E.C.

LONDON BANKERS:—NATIONAL BANK OF ENGLAND. NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL.

will perform

SHERIDAN'S COMEDY

"SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL"

AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE.

On the EVENING of MONDAY,

the 29th INSTANT.

Admission (by Tickets only), \$2. Places may be secured at Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s at Noon on WEDNESDAY, the 24th Instant.

Doors open at 8.30 p.m. Performances to Commence PUNCTUALLY at 9 o'clock.

Hongkong, December 18, 1879. de30

THE HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY

will perform

"THE SORCERER"

AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE,

On THURSDAY,

the 8th January, at 9 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased and places secured at Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s, on and after SATURDAY, the 3rd Proximo.

W. WHEELER, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, December 17, 1879. ja9

"OUR BOYS"

DRAMATIC COMPANY,

comprising the following Artists:—

MISS EMILY BLAIN.

MISS MINNIE NORDT.

MRS. NORVILLE.

MESSRS FRANK S. UART.

GEO. NORVILLE.

G. OROFTON.

HARRY FRANKLIN.

Will arrive EARLY in JANUARY, and will give

THREE PERFORMANCES ONLY.

Full Particulars in future Advertisements.

GEO. NORVILLE, Business Manager.

Hongkong, December 23, 1879.

For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

HAVE Just RECEIVED their Usual Assortment of CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS, comprising:— GLOVE and HANDKERCHIEF BOXES. JEWELRY BOXES and SCENT CABINETS. PRINCESS STATIONERY CABINETS. VELVET WORK BAGS. WORK BOXES in Leather and Fancy Woods. CARD TRAYS and SCRAP BOOKS. VELVET PHOTOGRAPH FRAMES. STATUETTES.

Handsome Bound and Illustrated GIFT BOOKS, comprising:— PICTURE GALLERY OF MODERN ART. SWITZERLAND ILLUSTRATED. WOODLAND ROMANCE. THE BIRD, BY JULES MICHELET. THE INSECT, BY JULES MICHELET. THE BIRD WORLD. THE EPIC OF HADES.

A Large Assortment of Newest GIFT BOOKS for Boys and Girls. CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CARDS, the Latest Novelties. Elegantly Dressed FRENCH DOLLS. DOLLS' PORTMANTEAUX, completely fitted. SWIMMING and WASHING DOLLS. MECHANICAL TOYS, in Great Variety. DOLLS' PERAMBULATORS. PUZZLES, GAMES, BRICKS. HORSES and CARRIAGES, WHEELBARROWS. DRUMS, TRUMPETS, GUNS and SWORDS.

THE PRESENT SEASON'S NOVELTIES in COSAQUES, comprising:— HELEN'S BABIES' CRACKERS, PICTORIAL. INCOGNITA, COMICAL and CLUB CRACKERS. BELLES OF THE SEASON, &c., &c., &c. PAINT BOXES.

CHRISTMAS CAKES and PLUM PUDDINGS. FRENCH PLUMS. BLOOM MUSCATELS. Crystallized CHOCOLATE BONBONS. CHOCOLATE in Pretty Boxes, for Presents. FRENCH BONBONS. DRAGEES. FRUITS in Noyau. JUJUBES. SMYRNA FIGS. BRAZIL NUTS. BARCELONA ALMONDS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, December 2, 1879. ja2

ED. CHASTEL & Co.,

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS, MARINE HOUSE, 15, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

BEG to call attention to their NEW STOCK of WINES, SPIRITS & LIQUEURS, recently Imported ex Late Arrivals, of the very Highest Class and most Popular Brands. Consisting of:—

CLARETS. St. Emilion. Margaux. Chateau Palmer. Pontet-Canet. Chateau Léovilla. Chateau Larose. Chateau Richellen. Chateau Lafite. BURGUNDIES. CHAMBERTIN. BRAUNE. POMMARD. FINE OLD PORT WINES. CHAMPAGNES. MME. VVE. CLICQUOT-PONSARDIN. THEOPHILE ROEDERER & Co. B. & E. PERRIER. JAS. HENNESSY'S *** and CUTLER PALMER'S *** BRANDIES. FINE OLD GLENLIVET SCOTCH WHISKY. KINAHAN'S LL WHISKY. FINE OLD BOURBON WHISKY. SWAINE & BOORD'S OLD TOM GIN. JOHN DE KUYPER'S HOLLAND GENEVA. MACKENZIE BROTHERS' PURE HIGHLAND MALT WHISKY (Dalmore Distillery), a specially selected Blend of 10 years Old Scotch Whisky. LIQUEURS. CHARTREUSE, CURAÇAO, ANISETTE, CREME DE VANILLE, CREME DE MORA, &c., &c., &c.

SHERRIES. MANZANILLA. VINO DE PASTO. AMONTILLADO.

SAUTERNES. Graves. Barsac. Chateau Latour Blanche. Chateau Yquem. Hochheimer. &c., &c., &c.

ED. CHASTEL & Co. ja6

Hongkong, December 22, 1879.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Messrs ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co. to sell by Public Auction (unless previously disposed of by Private Contract), on

THURSDAY,

the 8th of January, 1880, at 2 p.m., on Board—The

GERMAN BRIG "CARL,"

of 225 Registered Tons, as she now lies at anchor off Yow-mah-tee, with all her MASTS, SAILS, and INVENTORY, complete. For further Particulars, apply to Messrs Arnhold, Karberg & Co.; or, to the Auctioneer.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

F. RAPP, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, Dec. 23, 1879. ja8

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. ROGERS has returned and is now ready to RECEIVE PATIENTS.—No. 7, ARBUTHNOT ROAD.

Hongkong, December 8, 1879.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR AMOY, TAIWANFOO & TAMSUI.

The Steamship "HAILONG."

Captain GOODE, will be despatched for the above Ports

on SATURDAY, the 27th Inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, December 24, 1879. de27

AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for all Australasian and New Zealand Ports.

TASMANIA, NEW CALEDONIA & FIJI.

The Chartered Steamer "ORUSADER."

T. ROWIN, Commander, will be despatched as above on

SATURDAY, the 3rd Proximo, at 4 p.m., instead of as previously notified.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GEO. T. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, December 24, 1879. ja3

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SINGAPORE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling off the usual Coast Ports, and taking through Cargo and Passengers for New Zealand.)

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer "SOMERSET"

will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 27th Inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, December 12, 1879. de27

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW.

The Steamship "KWANGTUNG."

Captain ABBOTT, will be despatched for the above Ports

on SUNDAY, the 28th Inst., at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, December 24, 1879. de28

FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo and Passengers for Ports on the YANGTSE.)

The Steamship "GLENIFFER."

shortly expected, will be despatched for the above Port

on or about MONDAY, the 29th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, December 24, 1879. de29

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND HIOGO.

The Steamship "BRECONSHIRE."

STURROCK, Commander, expected here on or about the

26th Inst., will have immediate despatch for the above Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 19, 1879.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT.)

The Spanish Steamer "CHURRUGA"

Captain ANAJOA, shortly expected, will have immediate

despatch for the above Port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

REMEDIOS & Co.

Hongkong, December 18, 1879.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT.)

The Steamship "ROMULUS."

Capt. VARR, will have immediate despatch for the above

Port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

REMEDIOS & Co.

Hongkong, December 18, 1879.

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SINGAPORE & LONDON VIA CANAL.

The Steamship "MERIONETHSHIRE."

RICKARD, Commander, expected here in about a fortnight, will have immediate despatch for the

above Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 13, 1879.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.

(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTSE.)

The Company's Steamship "MENELAUS."

Capt

For Sale.

CHRISTMAS STORES.

MacEwen, FRICKEL & Co.,

BEG to call attention to the following New Supply of STORES, which they have Received

Ex "GORDON CASTLE,"

And Other Recent Arrivals.

CHRISTMAS CAKES, 4-lb., 5-lb. and 6-lb. each.
CHRISTMAS PLUM PUDDINGS.
Pure AMERICAN CANDIES.
Pure SCOTCH CANDIES.
DRAGEES. ALMONDS.
Fancy CROCOLATES.
MASSON'S CHOCOLATE CREAMS.
NOUGATINES.
Crystallized METZ FRUITS.
New Designs in COSAQUES.
"CETWAYO'S HAT BOX."
"MARQUEBET'S JEWEL CASKET."
"GRANDMA'S BONNET BOX."
"EDWIN and ANGELINA."
&c., &c., &c.

SMYRNA FIGS.
Muscatel BLOOM RAISINS.
JORDAN ALMONDS.
BRAZIL NUTS.
PECAN NUTS.
HICKORY NUTS.
Cooking and Table PRUNES.
Pudding RAISINS and CURRANTS.
Candied PEEL.
MINCEMEAT in 1-lb. tins.
VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.
CARRAWAY SEEDS.
SCHWEITZER'S COCOATINA.
AMERICAN CREAM CHEESE.
SAP SAGE CHEESE.
LIMBURG CHEESE.
PINE APPLE CHEESE.
HAM TONGUE & CHICKEN SAUSAGE.
WESTPHALIAN, BOLOGNA, OXFORD, and TRUFFLED SAUSAGES.
GAME PIES.
Potted MEATS.
Prime Yorkshire HAMS.
Prime Wiltshire BACON in tins & Canvases.
Pickled OX-TONGUES.
OX-TONGUES in JELLY.
TRUFFLES.
CALIFORNIA ROLL BUTTER.
CUTTING'S Canned DESSERT FRUITS.

HUNTLEY & PALMER'S BISCUITS.
CALIFORNIA CRACKER Co.'s GINGER CAKES.

MILK BISCUITS.
ALPHABET BISCUITS.
OYSTER BISCUITS.
WAFFER BISCUITS.
SODA BISCUITS.

First-class and Medium CHAMPAGNES, Pilsa and Quarts.

HOOK.
SAUTERNES.
CLARET.

Fine Old Pale PORT, 1848.
SAUCON'S Pale Dry SHERRY.
Do. Amontillado SHERRY.

LA GRANDE MARQUE CHARTREUSE, Pilsa and Quarts.
MARASCHINO DE ZARA.

CURACAO.
Fine Old BOURBON WHISKY.
SCOTCH and IRISH WHISKIES.

BASS'S ALE Bottled by CAMERON and SAUNDERS, Pilsa and Quarts.
GUINNESS'S STOUT Bottled by E. & J. BURKE, Pilsa and Quarts.

Specially Selected CIGARS.
Princesses CHEROOTS.
Cavite CHEROOTS.

Princesses CIGARS.
Cavite CIGARS.
Arocoros CIGARS.

Vegueros CIGARS.
Choice No. 1 Fortin CIGARS in Boxes of 100.

Choice No. 3 Melsig CHEROOTS.
Choice No. 3 Fortin CIGARS.

PRESENTATION BOOKS.
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CHILDREN'S STORY BOOKS.
CHILDREN'S TOY BOOKS.

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HISTORIES.
DICTIONARIES.

OLLENDORFF'S METHOD for Learning FRENCH and SPANISH.
DR. ARN'S METHOD for Learning GERMAN and FRENCH.

ASHBY'S MODEL BOOKS of FOREIGN COMMERCIAL CORRESPONDENCE, GERMAN, FRENCH and SPANISH.

"NORTH CHINA HERALD" D A T E BLOCK for 1880.

NEW SEASON'S PRESENT TEA, in 5 and 10 Catty Boxes.
Hongkong, December 15, 1879.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the Undersigned in the Chinese Mail, 華字日報 (Wah Tze Yat Po), CEASED from the 1st August, 1877.

CHUN AYIN.

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

NOTICE.

IN Reference to the above, the Undersigned has LEASED the Chinese Mail from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged the services of Mr LEONG YOK CHUN, as Translator and General Manager of the newspaper, which under its new régime will be found to be, as hitherto, an excellent medium for advertising, especially as the Manager is able to devote his whole attention to the conduct of the Newspaper.

KONG CHIM,

Lessee of the Hongkong Chinese Mail.

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

THE CHINESE MAIL.

TERMS OF ADVERTISING IN THE Chinese Mail.

TWO cents a character for the first 100 characters, and one cent a character beyond the first 100, for first insertion, and half price for repetitions during the first week. Subsequent weeks' insertions will be charged only one half the amount of the first week's charge. Advertisements for half a year and longer will be allowed a deduction of 25 percent on the total amount and contracts for more favourable terms, can be made.

Efforts have been made to establish Agents for circulating the Chinese Mail in all the ports and in the interior of China, all the ports in Japan, in Saigon, Singapore, Peking, Calcutta, Batavia, Manila, the Philippines, Australia, San Francisco, Peru and other places which Chinese frequent. When the list of Agencies is completed, it will be published. Agents have been already established in most of the above places, and in important ports more than one agent has been appointed at each. Hongkong, February 23, 1874.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR HOIHOW AND PAKHOI.

The Steamship "HAINAN," Captain CORNER, will be despatched for the above Ports, TO-MORROW, the 27th Inst., at 6 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, December 26, 1879. de27

FOR SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

The Spanish Steamer "ZAMBOANGA," Capt. ARANGUREN, will load here for the above Ports, and will leave this on MONDAY, the 29th Inst., at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

HOP KEE.

Hongkong, December 26, 1879. de29

FOR SINGAPORE.

The American Barque "AMY TURNER," Capt. NEWELL, will load here for the above Port, and will leave this on FRIDAY, the 2nd January, 1880.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

HOP KEE.

Hongkong, December 26, 1879. ja2

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 American Schooner "MOSES B. TOWER," HALL, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, December 26, 1879.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. PEI HO.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. Indus, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after THURSDAY, the 1st January, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, December 26, 1879. ja1

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

PALMA, German barque, Capt. Binge.—Melchers & Co.

HONGKONG, German 3-masted schooner, Captain Carl Oom.—Wieler & Co.

PEIHO, German barque, Capt. Seekamp.—Siemssen & Co.

MOSES B. TOWER, American barkentine, Capt. C. Hall.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

ALICE REED, American barque, Capt. J. H. Kilbuck.—Melchers & Co.

AMY TURNER, American barque, Captain A. W. Newell.—Russell & Co.

LAUREL, British barque, Capt. Johnson.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

MIDDLESEX, British barque, Captain A. Walsh.—Borneo Company.

GABRIELI, American barque, Capt. T. J. Forbes.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Dec. 24, Garibaldi, American barque, 670, T. J. Forbes, Portland Oct. 27, Spars and Timber.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Dec. 24, Hainan, American steamer, 300, J. W. Cooner, Pakhoi Dec. 21, Huihow 23, and Macao 24, General.—RUSSELL & Co.

Dec. 25, Danube, British steamer, 561, Olanchy, Bangkok Dec. 14, Rice.—YUEN FAT HONG.

Dec. 25, Charlton, British steamer, 786, Johnson, Bangkok Dec. 14, Rice.—TACK MEE SING.

Dec. 25, Peiho, French steamer, 2125, A. Pasqualini, Marseilles Nov. 16, Naples 18, Port Said 22, Suez 24, Aden 29, Colombo Dec. 7, Galle 8, Singapore 14, and Saigon 20, Mails and General.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

Dec. 25, Conquest, British steamer, 318, F. Elphick, Huihow Dec. 18, Pakhoi 20, and Huihow 23, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Dec. 25, Hindoo, German barque, 541, Mathiesens, Chefoo Dec. 16, General.—WIELER & Co.

Dec. 25, Fung-shun, Chinese steamer, from Canton.

Dec. 26, Hesperus, German barque, 767, L. Specht, Cardiff Aug. 14, Coal.—SIEMSEN & Co.

Dec. 26, Thales, British steamer, 820, Peters, Port Darwin Dec. 14, Coal.—Geo. R. STEVENS & Co.

Dec. 26, Hermine, Swedish barque, 289, F. Counzan, Toulon Dec. 9, General.—EDUARD SCHREIBER & Co.

Dec. 26, Malina, German barque, from Whampoa.

DEPARTURES.

Dec. 24, Ocus, for Marseilles, &c.

25, Antenor, for London, &c.

25, Fuyew, for Shanghai.

25, Douglas, for Coast Ports.

26, Chinkiang, for Shanghai.

26, Fung Balaugh, for Labuan.

26, Peiho, for Shanghai.

26, Tanais, for Yokohama.

CLEARED.

Romulus, for Manila.

PASSENGERS.

Per Peiho, for Hongkong: from Marseilles, Mr and Mrs Forrest, Messrs Burchard, Hippelley, Cullen, Springli, Fermentino, and Cassels; from Singapore, Mr Beakham, Mrs Maria Wallentin, 1 Corporal Royal Engineers, and 1 Chinese; from Saigon, Mr Lantiove, Rev. R. P. Colson, Ly Bang, Huynh Thi Tai, Canton Koon, and 188 Chinese.

Per Shanghai: from Marseilles, Messrs Allen, Helmetz, Mr and Mrs Van der Heyde and child, Mr Bright, and Mr Sanders' servant.—For Yokohama: from Naples, Messrs Yoshikawa, and Nakano; from Marseilles, Messrs Ugar, Ono Noriofachi, Outiyama, and Nakamaira.

Per Garibaldi, from Portland, 272 Chinese.

Per Hainan, from Hoihow, &c., 55 Chinese.

Per Danube, from Bangkok, 60 Chinese.

Per Charlton, from Bangkok, 26 Chinese.

Per Conquest, from Hoihow, &c., 65 Chinese.

Per Hindoo, from Chefoo, 3 Chinese.

Per Thales, from Port Darwin, 105 Chinese, and 1 Japanese.

DEPARTED.

Per Ocus, for Saigon, Mr Ban Hap, and 5 Chinese; for Singapore, Mr J. Cabredo; for Marseilles, Mr Corvill.—From Shanghai: for Marseilles, Capt. Lanz and Paul, R.N., Messrs E. Cousins and child, L. Bryner, N. P. Ayne, and Jas. Walter.—From Yokohama: for Suez, Mr Wolfarth; for Naples, Messrs Moretti, Suselini, Esposito, Zauzarella, and Amendola; for Marseilles, Messrs Wong, Alvarez, Cheneat de Montaudin, de Hemptinne, and Morgan.

Per Fuyew, for Shanghai, 20 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The American steamer Hainan reports: Left Pakhoi at 7.30 p.m. on the 21st; arrived at Hoihow at 11 a.m. on the 22nd, left again at 4 a.m. on the 23rd. Arrived at Macao at 1.30 p.m. 24th. Having fine weather till arrival in Hongkong at 8.45 p.m. in same day.

The British steamer Danube reports: Fresh monsoon to 14 North, thence to port moderate monsoon.

The British steamer Thales reports: Light northerly winds all the passage.

The British steamer Conquest reports: Left Huihow on 18th Dec., and had moderate N.E. wind and hazy weather and rain. In port S. S. Me-li, and barque Louise. Left Pakhoi on 20th Dec., and had fresh N.E. winds and hazy weather. Left Hoihow on the 23rd, and had moderate N.E. winds and hazy weather.

CARGOES.

Per S. S. Thibet, sailed 17th Dec.—To London: from Canton, 2,880 boxes Tea (containing 27,429 lbs. Scented Capers, and 21,441 lbs. Scented Orange Pekoe), 125 bales Waste Silk, 20 cases Silk Piece Goods, and 452 bales Waste Silk; from Shanghai, 214 boxes, 603 half-chests, and 45 chests Tea (particulars unknown), 558 bales Raw Silk, and 2 cases Silk Piece Goods; from Japan, 10 bales Cocoons.—To Continent: from Shanghai, 30 bales Raw Silk; from Japan, 45 bales Raw Silk, and 11 bales Waste Silk.—To New York: from Canton, 40 bales Raw Silk.

Per S. S. Patroclus, Hongkong to London, sailed 20th December.—94,602 lbs. Congou, 19,950 lbs. Sc. Capers, 32,560 lbs. Sc. Or. Pekoe, 17,850 lbs. Sorts—total 164,952 lbs.; 9 bales Waste Silk; 21 pkgs. Silk Piece Goods, and 146 pkgs. Sundries.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For AMOY, TAIWAN, AND TAMSUI.—Per Huihow, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 27th Inst.

For SHANGHAI.—Per Fung-shun, at 11.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 27th Inst.

For MANILA.—Per Romulus, at 0.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 27th Inst.

For BANGKOK.—Per Rajanottamah, at 1.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 27th Inst., instead of as previously notified.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For SAIGON.—Per Bombay, at 4.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 27th Inst., instead of as previously notified.

For SWATOW, AMOY, & FOCHOW.—Per Kwangtung, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 27th Inst.

For HOIHOW AND PAKHOI.—Per Hainan, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 27th Inst.

For HOIHOW, PAKHOI, AND HAI-PHONG.—Per Conquest, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 28th Inst.

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—Per Zambonga, at 1.30 p.m., on Monday, the 29th Inst.

For SAIGON.—Per Olympia, at 5 p.m., on Monday, the 29th Inst.

For PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, &c.—Per Crusader, at 3.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 27th Inst. 12 cents rates.

MAILS BY THE TORRES STRAITS PACKET.

The Australian Contract Packet Somerset, will be despatched from Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 27th Inst., with Mails for Singapore, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cleveland Bay, Bowen, Keppel Bay, Brisbane, Sydney, Tasmania, New Zealand, Fiji, and Melbourne. 24 cent rates.

Correspondence cannot be Registered after 11.15 a.m.

The Mails will be closed at 11.30. Supplementary mail on board with 18 cents late fee till time of departure.

Correspondence for Southern and Western Australia can be sent by this route if desired, but as a general rule it is better to send it via Galle.

Hongkong, Dec. 23, 1879. de27

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.

The British Contract Packet Feshaw will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 31st Inst., with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe via Brindisi or Southampton; to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the Australian Colonies, E. or S. Africa, nor for Mauritius.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet Anadyr will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 31st Inst., with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Naples; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

HOURS FOR CLOSING

THE CONTRACT MAILS.

The following hours are observed in closing Mails, &c., by both the British and French Contract Packets:—

Day of Departure.—5 P.M.—Money Order Office closes; Post Office closes till 8 P.M., except the Night Box, which is always open out of Office hours.

8 P.M.—Post Office opens.

9 P.M.—Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.

10 P.M.—Mails closed, except for Late Letters.

10.10 P.M.—Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 18 cents until 10.30 P.M.—when the Post Office closes entirely.

10.40 P.M.—Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fee of 18 cents until time of departure.

Shipping Intelligence.

The following is corrected from the latest London and Colonial Papers, &c.:—

VESSELS TO ARRIVE.

AT HONGKONG.

Left.	Name.	From.
May.	6, Alexander,	Penarth
31, Newcastle,	Antwerp	
June.	27, Pym,	Antwerp
July.	8, Glenrosa,	Antwerp
19, Conus,	Glasgow	
24, Primrose,	Penarth	
Aug.	9, Eliz. Rickmers,	Penarth
12, Papa,	Hamburg	
16, Minnie Carvill,	Cardiff	
17, Coldstream,	Antwerp	
18, Glandinowig,	Antwerp	
18, Bannau,	Hamburg	
Sept.	13, Hecla,	Penarth
13, Carmelita & Ida,	Cuxhaven	
17, Livingstone,	Cuxhaven	
20, Lucia,	London	
28, Livingstone,	Cuxhaven	
Oct.	3, Parnas,	Cardiff
9, Ganymede (s.),	Liverpool	
16, Peru,	Flushing	
17, Chilli,	Flushing	
24, West Glen,	Antwerp	
25, Palestine,	London	
25, James S. Stone,	New York	
26, Bernhard Carl, (for Swatow)	Penarth	
30, Marie Louise,	Antwerp	
Nov.	1, Glenliff (s.),	London
5, Menelaus (s.),	Liverpool	
5, Escambia (s.),	London	

LOADING FOR CHINA AND JAPAN PORTS.

At London.—Steamers via Suez Canal, Kenmore Castle, Glenlyne, Flintshire, Benartney, Killarney.

Sailing Vessels, Crossfield, Smatra, William Ritson, Morna.

At Liverpool, Hector (s.), Glancus (s.), Hesperia (s), Nautilus, Niagara.

At Hamburg, Carl Ritter, Forcuna.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW

Shipping.

Daylight.—Mitsu Bishi Mail leaves for Yokohama via Kobe.

Noon.—Somerset leaves for Singapore, Brisbane, &c.

Noon.—Hailong leaves for Amoy, &c.

6 p.m.—Hainan leaves for Hoihow, &c.

pore could not have a better man than Mr Douglas. We should be glad to see such a man here. He is Mr Hennessy's antithesis in every characteristic. In this connection there may be some value attachable to the para. in the *Home and Colonial Mail*, which states that there is some talk of an offer of the Colonial Secretaryship of Ceylon to Lord Gifford, with permission to remain in the Army. It will be remembered that Lord Gifford had just been appointed to the Auditor Generalship of the Mauritius (succeeding our Colonial Secretary, Mr Marsh) when the war broke out, and he threw his Colonial Service prospects to the winds to go to the front. One other name only is mentioned, Mr William Robinson, C.M.G., Governor of the Bahamas, who was for many years a clerk in the Colonial office. His present salary in the Bahamas is £2,200 per annum. Officials believe he is first in the running. The local paper fancies that the Ministry, keeping religiously in view the claims of firm supporters in Parliament in the past, will give the post to some zealous underling in Parliament, whose chances of re-election are vague. Such things have happened before, as we all well know.

The *Strait Times*, quoting our paragraph about Mr Hennessy's chances for the Queensland vacancy, says:—

If the surmise of the *China Mail* be correct—and it appears to breathe an "inspired air," the important Governorships of Singapore and Hongkong are both vacant. Doubtless, Mr Pope Hennessy is not to be sorry to be removed to Queensland; to be the head of a responsible government is more in his sphere, and the system of government in the Australian Colonies is more in accord with his Parliamentary training than the ruling of a Crown Colony.

There were as many as 19,695 persons killed by wild beasts and snakes in British India in the calendar year 1877. Tigers head the list. There were 619 persons killed by tigers, 564 by wolves, 200 by leopards, 85 by bears, 46 by elephants, 24 by hyenas, 1,180 by other wild beasts. The other 16,777 victims were killed by snakes. These various enemies of mankind killed also 53,197 cattle in the year. The measures adopted in India for exterminating wild beasts and venomous snakes resulted in the destruction of 22,851 of the former and 127,295 of the latter in the course of the year, and for this deliverance from their rewards were paid to the amount of \$10,301.

It is stated that Mr Maitland, of racing celebrity, contemplates a civil action against Lord W. Beresford, V.C., for alleged defamation. Damages being laid at Rs. 10,000.

The present state of affairs in Upper Burma, states a Rangoon journal, has, evidently, not tended to decrease the amount of shipments to Mandalay. The shippers, principally Chinese, do not hesitate to say that they are better off now than when the British Resident was there.

It is said that when the Kotwal of Cabul mounted the scaffold, he took advantage of the praying interval granted him to hurl imprecations against the English foe. "Allah is great," said he, "send armies of Thine angels with flaming swords to drive these vile infidel dogs from the land."

The *United Service Gazette* says:—"The *Albatross*, a composite sloop, Commander A. J. Errington, has left Sheerness for China, via the Suez Canal. She proceeds to Singapore. The *Albatross* had a satisfactory six hours' run on Tuesday from Sheerness for a trial of her engines and machinery."

King Theebaw, of Burmah, is better improving his Army. The Rangoon papers publish some rules lately issued by His Majesty for the better discipline of his troops. The soldiers are to be drilled daily, dressed properly in uniform. The war trousers must be of the right length, and the warriors must wear braces. The warriors are not to take off helmet, coat, or trousers, merely because the weather is hot. They are forbidden to chew betel or smoke cheroots; and must pay attention to the drill master. When marching on duty, the warriors must stamp the ground with force, and look straight before them. If these or other rules are broken, the offenders will be punished: a Sergeant getting 20 cuts with a cane, a Lieutenant 15 cuts, and the Adjutant 10.

A special telegram to the *Madras Mail*, dated Bombay, the 4th November, says:—"The three batteries of artillery which recently arrived from England embarked on the 2nd instant for Burmah."

On and after the 15th of November, opium will be issued from all Government depots in the Presidency of Bombay, including Sind, at the fixed rate of Rs. 12-12 per lb.

"Cut of the month of babes, &c." What better criticism of the Afghan embargo has ever appeared than that of a child, whose sage remark upon hearing that her father was again off to the war, was: "I don't see, if it is to begin again so soon, why you left off at all!"

Colonel Weldon, Chief Presidency Magistrate, who arrived at Simla from England the other day, left, on the 4th instant, for Rangoon via Calcutta, under instructions from the Governor in Council, to hold an investigation into the circumstances in connection with the recent commissariat frauds at Rangoon.

The bite of a centipede is generally found to be a most unpleasant experience. We read in the *Glen Innes Examiner* what is worth remembering as a wrinkle:—

Mrs W. B. Christie, of Tenterfield, was badly bitten by a centipede. The wounds were sucked, and nicotine, or the oil which gathers in old tobacco pipes, rubbed into the wound. After a few hours the poison of the centipede seemed quite neutralized and gave her no further trouble.

Fanny Fair says that Major-General Sir Frederick Goldsmith has volunteered to the India Office to head the next Embassy at Cabul.

The feeling seems to be gaining ground again, says the latest *Bombay Gazette* to ban, that Yakub Khan was not wholly guiltless in the matter of Sir Louis Cavagnari's murder. It is supposed that he must have known what the men about him, including his own relations and chief officials, were plotting; yet he had not the courage to warn the British Envoy of his danger. It is to be hoped that the whole story will come out during the investigation that is now proceeding, and in the meantime Yakub Khan remains a "close prisoner in our camp," while the fact that trustworthy information had been received that he would try to escape, is presumptive evidence that he fears an examination into his past conduct.

Should it prove to be a fact, as hinted by the *Pioneer*, that documentary evidence is forthcoming at Cabul, proving the complicity of Russia in the recent outbreak, and consequently, in the attack on the Residency, a storm of indignation will probably arise in England that war may only avenge. Government, we trust, will at once make known the truth about this matter; harm can only result from suppressing it, and a newspaper having been permitted to insinuate that Government is in possession of such information, it is necessary—indeed it is imperative—that the statement shall either be confirmed or at once contradicted. It is useless discussing the matter until the real facts are before the public, but it is now the clear duty of Government that these facts shall be made known without delay.

This is one way in which the exclusion of "specials" from the Cabul expedition may be wrongly interpreted; the gem is from a Chicago journal:—

The British administration will not permit newspaper correspondents to accompany the avenging column to Cabul. Archibald Forbes rode two hundred miles to send the news of the victory at Jhundi to London, and was thanked in the House of Commons by an official of the Government. Why then refuse to let such men go with Roberts to the capital of the Amir? Because deeds are to be done there which would, truthfully described, make civilization cry out with horror. The barbarity of the recent massacre is to be avenged by a massacre still more barbarous.

COMMENTING upon the despatch of the *Albatross* and *Comus* to reinforce the China squadron, the *Daily News* says:—

Many of Admiral Coote's ships are but gun vessels, like the *Hornet* and the *Midge*, exceedingly useful for protecting British commerce in the rivers and on the coast in time of peace, but not equal to much fighting with coast batteries or armoured gunboats. It is not very likely that, should any open quarrel take place between China and her neighbours, our admiral would interfere; but were he to take up a position hostile to the Chinese he would doubtless remember that her position as a naval Power is not what it has been. Her flotilla of ironclad gunboats, consisting as it does of eight powerful-armed craft, would be a match for the whole of Admiral Coote's fleet, were they to meet face to face, for powerful as our force is, it does not contain a single vessel that would hold its own in a coast fight, with one of the Chinese gunboats. These craft, it may be remembered, are unique of their kind, small sturdy boats, each of them armed with a 35-ton gun, a weapon only carried by our first-class turretships, such as the *Devastation* and *Thunderer*. They were built in this country, and armed and fitted by Sir William Armstrong and Co., of Elswick; and, although they are not destined for ocean fighting, the fact that they performed the voyage from this country to China in safety is ample proof that they are good seaboats. The *Alpha*, *Beta*, and six other sisters, of the Greek alphabet are probably as formidable sea monsters as any British admiral could meet with.

The following, from a Glasgow paper, is neat and sensible:—

English papers are never tired of trumpeting the praises of Englishmen and the "English" nation, as if Scotland and Ireland did not exist, and had had no share in pushing the fortunes of the common country which we call the United Kingdom. We have lately noticed a flagrant instance of this misappropriation of credit. When the terrible news of the massacre of our embassy came from Cabul, the English papers, with one accord, declared that the victims had sustained the reputation of Englishmen for courage in the face of danger—the language, with the exception of the word "Englishmen," being varied in each case, of course, but the sentiment being the same. Now, it so happens, that no one of the Europeans who fell in the massacre was an Englishman. Major Cavagnari was a Frenchman; he had not a drop of Saxon blood in his veins; and he was only an "Englishman" by naturalisation. Mr Jenkins and Lieutenant Hamilton were both Scotchmen—the former from Aberdeen and the latter from Berwick. Dr Kelly was an Irishman, and all the other members of the Embassy and escort were Hindus! "English papers, please copy."

The question, as to which some correspondence has recently passed between the transport authorities and the P. & O. Company, of securing a better class of accommodation for soldiers as deck passengers, is remarked upon by the *Statesman* as follows:—"The British soldier has not too easy a time of it when he is moving from place to place. In barracks he may be comparatively comfortable; but it is to be feared his comforts are not too prominently kept in view while he is travelling, especially when aboard ship. For instance, in the troopships we find perhaps a hundred officers berthed in the several cabins, and it may be twelve hundred rank and file on board; and if the different divisions of the ship were measured, it would most probably appear that these hundred officers had as much space allotted to them as the twelve hundred rank and file. It is not necessary that the latter should be luxuriously accommodated, nor do they expect it, but they are clearly entitled to have better accommodation than they usually get. The inducements to steady, good men to join the ranks are not so plentiful, that we can afford to neglect an opportunity of making the men as com-

fortable as we can, when they are undergoing the worry and inconvenience attending all travelling operations.

The following is from the London *Graphic*: A Derbyshire Justice has lately taken upon himself to decide when it is correct to apply the word Esquire to any person. Last week the overseers of various parishes in Derby Division presented to magistrates the lists of persons liable to serve on juries. One of these contained the name of a Derby manufacturer who was described Esquire. Colonel Mosley, one of the magistrates, told the overseers not to put a person down as Esquire who was not such, and he had the description altered to that of gentleman; he also informed the overseers of Darnley Abbey that Mr J. Evans was legally entitled to the affix Esquire because he had been a captain in the army.

Our American contemporary the *Journal of the Telegraph*, states that Professor Loomis continues his experiments in the mountains of West Virginia, to demonstrate the theory that at certain elevations there is a natural electric current, by taking advantage of which telegraphic signals may be sent without the use of wires. It is said that he has telegraphed a distance of eleven miles by means of kites flown with copper wires. When the kites reached the same altitude, or got into the same current, communication by means of an instrument similar to that of Morse was easy, but ceased as soon as one of the kites was lowered. He has built towers on two hills about twenty miles apart, and from the tops of them has run up steel rods into the region of the electric current.

A former schoolmate of Mrs Grant met her in San Francisco, and thus writes of her: "Like to Cornelia of old, Mrs Grant's children to her as jewels are. And whether it was of Colonel Fred or Ulysses, jun., the fine, manly young fellows who were present, or Mrs Sartoris, or Jesse, she spoke, it was always in the same loving manner, the same low, sweet mother tones. 'I remember so well,' she said, with a low laugh, 'one occasion when your father went through the Patent Office at Washington, with Jesse and me. Jesse, you know, was only a little fellow then, about six or seven years old. 'Mamma,' said he, suddenly, 'are those the pillars that Samson pulled down?' 'Ask Mr S—,' said I, with a smile. So eagerly again said the little fellow, 'Mr S—, are those the pillars Samson pulled down?' 'What do you know about Samson?' I answered your father, smiling at me. 'I know,' said Jesse, proudly, 'that he pulled down the pillars and killed three thousand men.' 'I suppose,' concluded our hostess, 'he thought it would be a good place for his father to get the rebels.'"

CRICKET.

BANKERS AND BROKERS V. THE MERCHANTS. This match was played to-day and left drawn, as too many unfortunately are. The Merchants batted first and accumulated the fine score of 197, which was pretty evenly divided amongst them, Matchett taking the Ledger with a well-hit 40. For the Bankers and Brokers, Munro played a fine innings of 59 not out, and when time was called the telegraph showed 134 for 7 wickets; anybody's match, Merchants for choice. The following are the scores:—

MERCHANTS.	
H. de C. Forbes, c Oxon, b Munro,.....	14
A. B. Randle, run out.....	31
W. Dunning, run out.....	13
W. H. F. Darby, b Munro,.....	30
R. D. Starkey, b Hay.....	20
H. Foss, c Taylor, b Munro.....	0
A. P. McEwen, c Hay, b Hay.....	14
S. S. Young, b Munro.....	15
H. Matchett, b Moberley.....	40
W. F. Inglis, b Hay.....	14
A. B. Tomkins, not out.....	0
B. Byes 2, leg byes 1, wides 3.....	6
197	

BANKERS AND BROKERS.	
E. G. Moberley, c Dunning, b Darby, ...	3
H. H. Taylor, b Inglis,	20
J. Hay, c Darby, b Dunning,	8
S. M. Munro, not out.....	59
A. Oxon, run out.....	1
J. R. Anton, b Inglis,	3
T. Jackson, b Blandy,	16
O. Cottell, b Darby,	6
B. Byes 6, leg byes 5, wides 6, no balls 1, 18	
134	

Police Intelligence.
(Before Hon. C. B. Plunket.)
Friday, Dec. 26th.

IN POSSESSION OF BURGLAR'S INSTRUMENTS.
Wong Ahing, 27, a watchmaker, was charged on remand with being in possession of burglar's instruments on the 19th inst., and was sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labor.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLY.
George Harris, 25, a seaman unemployed, appeared charged with being drunk and disorderly yesterday, and refusing to pay chair hire.
Fined \$1 and ordered to pay 20 cents chair hire, in default, three days' imprisonment with hard labor.

NEWS BY THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M. M. Co.'s steamship *Peiho*, Capt. A. Pasqualini, from Marseilles 16th ultimo, with the London Mail of the 14th November, arrived yesterday morning. The following telegrams are from the Indian papers:—

INDIAN TELEGRAMS.
Simla, Dec. 15.—An unsuccessful attempt was made yesterday at Calcutta by a drunken Eurasian to shoot Lord Lytton.
Jaffa, Nov. 6.—Aroonmogam Navalar, the Hindu reformer, died last night at Wannapponne, of diabetes. The last production that issued from his press was

intituled "Immoralities of the Bible" after the Bradlaughian method.
Simla, Nov. 15.—General Roberts is gazetted to the local rank of Lieutenant-General of the Forces in Eastern Afghanistan.

Alabadah, Nov. 16.—The sentence was read at the head of the regiments by which Subadar Mahomed Kerim Khan, 1st Punjab Infantry (who was in Kabul at the time of the massacre) is expelled the service for falling in his duty to the Queen-Emress. He was supplied with horses and money by Goolam Nubbee to go to All Kheyl. He went as far as Benl Shahr, and returned, remaining concealed in the Kabul Bashi quarters. He afterwards gave false accounts at Kushi.

Simla, Nov. 22.—A *Gazette Extraordinary* has been published containing the official despatches of General Roberts, embracing the operations of the Kabul Field Force from the commencement in September to the present date. It is published by order of the Viceroy in Council, and states that it will be a grateful duty of the Governor-General in Council to see that the excellent services rendered by General Roberts and his forces throughout the operations, which have been conducted with conspicuous ability and success, are brought to the knowledge of Her Majesty's Government for such acknowledgments as the Queen-Emress may be graciously pleased to extend to them. Meanwhile, the Viceroy in Council desires on his part to assure General Roberts and the officers and men under his command especially, both British and native, who have obtained the high distinction of honourable mention in these despatches, that their zeal and devotion are heartily recognized and gratefully acknowledged by himself and the Government over which he presides. The officers mentioned honourably are Colonel Macgregor, Major Galbraith, Captain Kennedy, Captain Morton, Captain Porter, General Baker, Massey, Macpherson and Cough; Colonels Gordon, Perkins, Knowles, Parker, Hudson, Wyndham, Heathcote, Wright (Madras Army), Stratton, Hastings, and Hills, V.C., C.B., Reverend Adams, Monson, Father Brown, and others.

Quetta, Nov. 23.—The Chappar mountain and Humal route to India has been explored by Sir Robert Sandeman and the Chief Engineer, Colonel Lindsay, and as far as the engineers can judge at present, they pronounce the route as far superior to that of the Bolan for a railway or cart road. This route is reported to lie through a well-irrigated, well-wooded, and fairly cultivated country, and inhabited by a friendly people. The Governor of Bombay has visited Kandahar, and Major Sandeman rejoined His Excellency at Peshin, and escorted him to India via the Sarnal route.

Calcutta, Dec. 2.—The storming party at Konoma lost one third of its number in killed and wounded. The Nagas lost twenty killed and 40 mortally wounded. Lieutenant Kidgway has been recommended for the Victoria Cross.

Alabadah Kutla, Dec. 2.—Yakob Khan left for India at six on the 31st, and makes a double march until the sick convoy is reached. He was under a strong escort. On the road General Hastings told Yakob he must be prepared to start at six next morning. Yakob received the news cheerfully, making a few remarks and asked that Yahiya Khan, his father-in-law, and two Sirdars might be released to accompany him, but he was told they could not. A servant of Abdul Kayum was released to go with him. While the camp was still asleep the ex-Ameer rode out, surrounded by cavalry.

Kutla, Dec. 5.—Reports from Maiden state that a body of regulars and local hillmen attacked the Fort in which our Governor, Husein Khan was staying. Killed him and cut his body to pieces. They returned to the hills and a further seizure of valuable property was made at the house of Yakob Khan's father-in-law, including a paltry present of a teapot made in 1879 by the Russian Government to Nek Mohamed for services rendered, but what services no one knows.

LONDON AND OTHER TELEGRAMS.

London, Nov. 25.—The following are gazetted Companions of the Bath:—Major-General Newdegate; Colonels Drury Lowe, Whitehead, and Harrison; Lieutenant-Colonels Weeman, Pemberton, Brown, Malthus, Partell, Law, Gilbert, Clarke, Cresslock, Harness, Black, Bruce, and Tucker; Commissary-General Morris; Commissary Webb; Surgeon-General Holloway; and Surgeons Norbury, Wells, and Cuffe.

Prince Gortschakoff is visiting Berlin.
Nov. 30.—Mr Gladstone made two speeches at Edinburgh yesterday, in which he denounced Tory finance as extravagant and dishonest, and said that the Afghan war expenses, like those of the Abyssinian war, had been underrated. He insisted on the independence and emancipation of the Balkans, and warned the country against allowing Austria to inherit the sovereignty of Turkey.

Dec. 2.—Her Majesty the Queen is suffering from a severe cold.
Dec. 5.—Thomas Brennan, the land agitator, has been arrested in Dublin for seditious language used at the late demonstration at Balla. Serious frosts have already occurred throughout Europe, and there has been a severe snowstorm in France.

Nov. 29.—Mr Killen, the barrister, who was arrested for using seditious language at Dublin, has been committed for trial. He refused to be bailed.
St. Petersburg, Nov. 30.—Mirski, who made an attempt to assassinate the Russian Lieutenant-General Drentelm, has been sentenced to death.

Dec. 1.—The *Goles* has been suspended for five months.

Dec. 4.—Later accounts of the attempt on the Czar's life near Moscow state that the explosion, which was fired from an adjacent house, did not take place in the Czar's train, but in the baggage train which followed. His Majesty owed his escape to the fact that the departure of the two trains was reversed, it having been originally arranged that the baggage train should precede the other. The criminals have not yet been discovered.

Dec. 5.—The Czar arrived here to-day from Moscow. The attempt to blow up the Czar's train was made by would-be assassins taking a house adjacent to the railroad and tunnelling thence under the line.

Washington, Nov. 30.—President Hayes, in his annual message to Congress, strongly urged the suspension of coinage of silver, because it was, he said, impossible to maintain par value. The United States Government has made an offer of mediation between China and Japan regarding Looschoo.

(London and China Express, Nov. 14.)

Some sensation has been caused by a rumour that Mr. Pope Hennessy, the Governor of Hongkong, will contest King's County at the general election.

The Royal Geographical Society has held its first meeting for the season, when Lord Northbrook, the President, read an address, in which he stated that the most remarkable geographical achievement of the year had been the completion of the North-East Passage by the Swedish Arctic Expedition. We understand that the long-deferred appointments and promotions in the China Consular Service will all be made in the course of a few weeks.

The Russian Government has despatched a hydrographic scientific expedition to the Pacific to explore and report upon the waters and coasts of Japan.

Mr B. C. G. Scott, Acting Consul at Kiukiang, who lately relieved Mr Phillips, has been transferred to Pakhoi, Mr Stronach, the Consul at that port, going to Kiukiang. Mr Ayrton will be in temporary charge of the Consulate at Kiukiang pending the arrival of Mr Stronach.

Messrs Thomas Skinner and Co., the owners of the Castle Line of steamers to the Far East, have purchased the *Burness* as an addition to their fleet. She is to be re-christened the *Kenmare Castle*.

Major Papillon has been appointed Commanding Royal Engineer at Hong Kong, in succession to Brevet Colonel Stuart, whose term of foreign service will shortly expire, and will embark for that station in the early part of next month.

With reference to the paragraph in our last issue, that Sir William and Lady Robinson were to leave Brindisi for Singapore on the 27th inst., it should have been the 8th Dec., the former date being the one on which the Southampton portion of the mail leaves.

Mr Knox, late Consul-General at Bangkok, arrived in London by last mail. It is not yet decided whether his successor, Mr Palgrave, now Consul-General in the Principality of Bulgaria, will proceed direct from thence, or return to London to receive his instructions from the Foreign Office.

The Japanese Commissioners who have been deputed to study the police and judicial systems of Europe have visited France, Belgium, and Holland; they are now in Russia, and will next visit Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, and England, returning home by America. Spain and Portugal have also been mentioned in the programme to be visited by the Commission, but it is doubtful at present whether they will proceed there. This Mission left Japan last February, under General Kawaji as Chief Commissioner. This gentleman was, however, taken ill in Paris, and had to return to Japan, where, we regret to announce, he died shortly after his arrival. M. Sava, the Second Commissioner, has taken his place. They purpose spending three or four weeks at St. Petersburg, and then proceeding to Berlin.

Proceedings have been taken in the Court of Appeal with reference to the action in the Admiralty Division arising out of the collision between the P. and O. steamship *Khedive* and the Dutch steamship *Voorwaarts*, in the Straits of Malacca. The case came before this Court in July last, when their lordships, reversing the decision of the Admiralty Division, pronounced the collision to have been occasioned by the fault or default of the master and crew of the *Voorwaarts* solely, and condemned the owners of the last-mentioned vessel in damages and costs. From this order the owners of the *Voorwaarts* having proposed to appeal to the House of Lords, the question now arose whether the application to stay proceedings to assess damages, pending the appeal to the House of Lords, should be made to this Court or to the Admiralty Division in which the action was brought. Their lordships were clearly of opinion that this Court, in which the order proposed to be appealed from was made, was the Court to stay proceedings pending the appeal to the House of Lords. Upon an undertaking by the plaintiff (the Dutch owners) to present a petition to the House of Lords within a month, the proceedings to assess damages would be stayed.

Latest Mail Advices:—Yokohama Sept. 20; Shanghai 24; Foochow 26; Hongkong 30. The French mail, with the advices dated as above, was delivered, via Naples, on the 6th inst., four days early; the Japan advices having been anticipated by the mail received, via San Francisco, on the 25th ult. The next inward (P. and O.) mail was despatched from Brindisi on the 12th inst., and will reach London tomorrow, two days in advance of its due date. The P. and O. Company's steamer *Indus*, with the heavy portion of the last inward P. and O. mail, arrived at Southampton on the 8th inst.

A telegram of the 18th inst., from Madrid, reports that in reply to a question concerning the Sooloo Islands, the Minister of Foreign Affairs stated that the sovereignty of Spain over the Archipelago was absolute.
The *Albatross*, a composite screw sloop, 694 (727) tons, 888 (120) horse power, Commander E. C. Errington, recently commissioned at Chatham for the China station, had a six hours' run on the 11th inst. from Sheerness for a trial of her engines and machinery. The trial was witnessed by officials from the Midway Steam Reserve, and everything was found to work very satisfactorily. The *Albatross* has received her orders for China, and proceeds direct to Singapore, via the Suez Canal. The *Comus* being a vessel of a new type, exhaustive trials are to be made with her before she leaves England, and she will not be ready to sail for another fortnight. The report that it is the intention of the Admiralty to commission the *Iris*, and send her to China, lacks official confirmation.

A correspondent of a Portsmouth contemporary writes:—It was the wish of your coming Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Ryder, to have selected his old flag-captain in China, Philip Colomb, for the appointment to the *Duke of Wellington* on hoisting his flag; but I understand that their lordships are not inclined to accede to this request, but wish Captain Culme-Seymour to remain as flag-captain at Portsmouth. As Captain Culme-Seymour was only appointed in July last, there is, therefore, but little probability that Admiral Ryder will have the benefit of the services of his former flag-captain in this, his last, command.

Colonel Arthur A'Court Fisher, C.B., of the Royal Engineers, late executive officer at Aldershot, died at Reay-house, Inverness, on the 2nd inst., in his fiftieth year. The deceased officer obtained his commission as second lieutenant in the corps of Royal Engineers in 1847, and became first

Lieutenant in 1851. He served at the siege of Sebastopol, and led a storming party in the assault, for which he received a medal with clasp, and the Turkish medal, the fifth-class Order of the Medjidie, and the brevet of major, and was made a Knight of the Legion of Honour. He served in China from December, 1857, until the close of the war in 1860, commanding the Royal Engineers in the expedition to North China in 1859, and at the attack on the Peiho Forts on the 26th of June. He was afterwards employed reconnoitering the coast of Pehchili, and in January, 1860, was appointed one of the Allied Commissioners for the Government of Canton. He afterwards served with the force under Sir Hope Grant in the campaign of 1860, for which he was nominated a C.B., and received a brevet Lieutenant-colonelcy on February 15, 1861.

The traffic receipts Suez Canal from the 21st to the 31st October amounted to £790,000 for 89 vessels, against £920,000 for 46 vessels for the same period of last year.

The *Tai-tsing*, clipper ship, which some time since was offered for sale at Lloyd's, has been disposed of to Messrs John Willis and Son for the sum of £2,500.

The master of the *Vale of Nith*, arrived at Falmouth from Saigon, reports that on Sept. 25, in lat. 12.20 N., long. 26 W., he fell in with a boat containing Capt. Adams and nine men belonging to the American ship *Sylvanus Blanchard*, abandoned five days before. Took them on board *Vale of Nith*, and on Oct. 8, in lat. 28.20 N., long. 32 W., transferred four men to British brig *New Brunswick*, from Japan to Falmouth, all well.

The rustic whose gingerbread is annually stolen by the elephant was at the circus last week, and this time, when the appetising comfit was suddenly snatched from his hand, he shook his fist at the huge thief and yelled while the tears coursed down his cheeks. "Darn ye, ye double-tailed fool, give that back here or I'll knock yer two front teeth down yer old throat!"

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A Russian paper, in describing the execution of Nihilists at Kieff, adds that a young girl, who concealed her name despite the use of the lash, declared at the foot of the gallows that she was Nathalie Gortschakoff, niece of the Russian Chancellor.

CARLYLE is in his 84th year, Victor Hugo is in his 78th, Longfellow is in his 73rd, A. C. Swinburne is 41. Mr Ralph Waldo Emerson was 77 years old on 25th May.

JUSTIN McCarthy, the novelist and the new Home Rule member, is Parliamentary leader writer on the London *Daily News*. He was born in 1830, in Cork, and began newspaper life as a reporter on the Cork *Examiner* under Mr Maguire. He has a son who is winning some credit as a writer.

CHLORAL hydrate is becoming a fashionable tincture at home, the craving for it ultimately becoming as uncontrollable as that for alcohol. The explanation of the prolonged sleep caused by chloral hydrate is that the drug is decomposed in the blood and a manufacture of chloroform set up.

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